

Computers Doing Their Thing

Welfare Red Tape Sliced

By JERRY KRIEGER
County-Farm Editor

Recent innovations in the administration of the social services program in Berrien county are beginning to show results, department officials told members of the Berrien board of commissioners Tuesday.

The commissioners were guests of the department at a luncheon session at the social services headquarters in Benton township.

A statewide data processing system that evolves around two computers in Lansing is already beginning to turn some of the red tape of

welfare recordkeeping into "magnetic tape", as Assistant Director Frank White expressed it.

Now in the first phase, the system will eventually keep records for all the welfare clients in the state by computer. In fact, it even will write welfare checks and put them

in the mail from Lansing. Director Wesley Bowerman pointed out the statewide record system will provide an almost instantaneous check against duplication of welfare applications in different counties. He likened this feature as the equivalent to the LEIN (Law Enforcement Information Network) developed in recent years by the police agencies of the state for instant information on law violators.

Tim Fenderbosch, job coordinator for the department, told the commissioners, that 153 welfare recipients have been placed directly into full time jobs since last December, and that another 225 have

secured regular employment themselves after counseling by his staff. Bowerman added that he hopes that communities that have public service jobs to fill under the federal Emergency Employment Program grants will use as many welfare recipients as they can, subject to priority for Vietnam veterans.

Bowerman also reported to the commissioners that a new program to free the department's college trained (degree) case workers of the paper work that used to require about 3 1/2 days a week of their time is very effective. The degree case workers now spend virtually all their time in the field, while other personnel do their paper work.

Miss Joan Walton described a series of programs that have been started to allow citizen volunteers to help recipients in a variety of ways. Some of the programs are a family-to-family program between self-sustaining families and welfare families, summer camp program, a home calls program, "friendly visitor" program for the elderly, and self-help groups of ADC mothers.

Jerry Frank, the social services department coordinator on the county child support-welfare fraud investigation team, said child support payment returns in the friend of the courts office increased by 140 per cent in the first eight months of this year, compared to the same period a year earlier. Fifty-four warrants have been issued on welfare fraud charges, 18 convictions obtained, and 30 cases pending in court.

Nixon's Russian Visit Is Called 'Logical' Step

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Nixon's announcement that he will attend a summit conference in Moscow next May should have come as no surprise, say U.S. officials and foreign diplomats.

"It is a logical extension of the growing improvement in

American-Russian dealings since Nixon took office," one diplomat said. "The only surprise is that so few people were talking about the possibility."

One of those who did talk in advance about such a trip was Soviet Communist party Chairman Leonid Brezhnev, who U.S. sources say had been discussing a Nixon visit with several people for several weeks.

But whether it should have been a surprise, the fact is that Nixon did catch many people off balance when he appeared unexpectedly at the routine Tuesday morning news briefing and said:

"The leaders of the United States and the Soviet Union in their exchanges during the past year, have agreed that a meeting between them would be desirable once sufficient progress had been made in negotiations at lower levels."

"In light of the recent advances in bilateral and multilateral negotiations involving the two countries, it has been agreed that such a meeting will take place in Moscow in the latter part of May 1972."

Following reading of that announcement, released at the same time in Moscow, the President told questioning newsmen he had agreed to the Moscow summit because of "a possibility of making significant progress."

Although he declined to detail what areas will be discussed with the Soviet leaders, Nixon indicated the talks will cover arms control, the Mideast, a European security conference and a balanced, mutual troop cut in Central Europe.

What made no difference in settling on a Moscow summit in May, the President declared emphatically, was his plan to visit mainland China before that month.

"The two," he said, "are independent trips. We are going to (See back page, sec. 1, col. 8)



VIDEO DATA TERMINAL: County Commissioner Jacquelyn Zerlaut (left), Coloma, and County Social Services Assistant Director Frank White watch as Operator Patricia Bullen explains how video data terminal machine in Berrien social services department receives information on welfare clients from computer in Lansing. When in full operation, new computer information system will keep all welfare records for entire state in Lansing. It'll even write the Welfare checks some day, and will serve as a guard against clients applying for assistance in more than one county. (Staff photo)

Sewage Treatment Nearer To Reality

New Buffalo Area Project

NEW BUFFALO — A proposed \$8 million sewage treatment system for New Buffalo and the townships of New Buffalo and Chikaming marks a milestone tonight in its struggle to become a reality.

Representatives of the governmental units are to sign a formal contract providing for

construction of the system, its financing, and creation of an advisory board to oversee it.

The plan, launched in early 1970, ran into a six month delay later last year when a dispute erupted between New Buffalo city and New Buffalo township and received another setback this year when New Buffalo township officials insisted an engineering firm

provide a performance bond covering its work.

Preliminary approval for engineering work on the project was given after the state ordered water pollution be controlled in the area.

About half of the costs are to be financed through federal and state grants. The rest is to come through special assessments against benefitting property, fees to users and possibly a general supporting tax.

New Buffalo township trustees authorized signing of the contract last night during a regular monthly meeting and announced the formal signing would occur tonight.

Under the contract, the trio of governments authorizes the Berrien county public board to sell bonds to finance the project; binds governments to repay their share of the costs on a benefit basis and created a seven-member advisory board to operate the system.

The benefit basis rates New Buffalo city at 50 per cent; New Buffalo township at 20 per cent; and Chikaming township at 30 per cent.

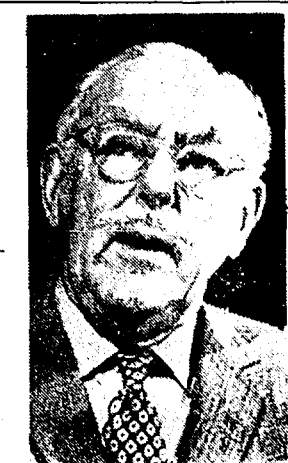
WOULD BE LEASED

Ownership of the system would revert to the trio once the debt on the system through the county is repaid. It would be leased to them while the debt remained.

The advisory board is to be made up of two representatives of each of the communities involved with the seventh member to be named by the six. The at-large member would serve as chairman and vote only in cases of necessity.

One of the initial appointees from each community is to (See back page, sec. 1, col. 2)

Zollar On Redistricting Committee



DEAN ACHESON

day's world was underlined. "Of those who stand for a time in places of power many are quickly forgotten," Nixon said. "It is a measure of Dean Acheson's stature as man and statesman that almost 20 years after his service as secretary of state he continued to be recognized as one of the towering figures of his time."

Acheson practiced law in Washington after leaving the government, but he still spend much time as a presidential adviser and even this role brought controversy.

He is survived by his widow, a son and two daughters.

TRAVERSE CITY, Mich. (AP) — Michigan Senate Republicans have named four appointees to a special committee working on new boundary lines for the state's 19 U.S. House seats.

Chosen at the Republicans' caucus meeting Tuesday were Sens. Charles O. Zollar, Benton Harbor; John Toepf, Cadillac; Donald Bishop, Rochester; and the Senate GOP leader, Robert VanderLaan, Kentwood.

Democrats earlier had designated four senators to serve. The Senate appointees and the House Elections Committee are expected to work together in an attempt to draw up a single plan for submission to both houses.

Those attending a committee meeting last week were warned that a federal court suit could result if the legislature does not move rapidly on a redistricting plan.

The redrawing is necessary because of population shifts over the past decade and to reflect the one-man, one-vote philosophy.

Death Ends Long Public Career Of Dean Acheson

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former Secretary of State Dean Acheson died Tuesday night, 18 years after leaving the post he used to establish policies that still serve as the foundation for much of America's diplomatic strategy.

Acheson, 78, was found slumped over his desk about 6 p.m. at the Sandy Spring, Md., farm he used as a refuge from the pressures of a public career encompassing some of the nation's monumental crises.

The family doctor said the death, apparently resulted from a heart attack.

During the period from 1949 to 1953, Acheson was the major factor in formulating the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, signing the peace treaty with Japan, outlining the political strategy of the Korean war, determining U.S. attitudes toward the Communist government of China and resisting the domestic onslaught of the so-called McCarthy era.

While attitudes toward China and Moscow are now relaxing,

many of these policies remain in effect today under the administration of a Republican President who was one of Acheson's major critics during the Truman years—Richard Nixon.

And it was Nixon who led the tributes to Acheson after his death.

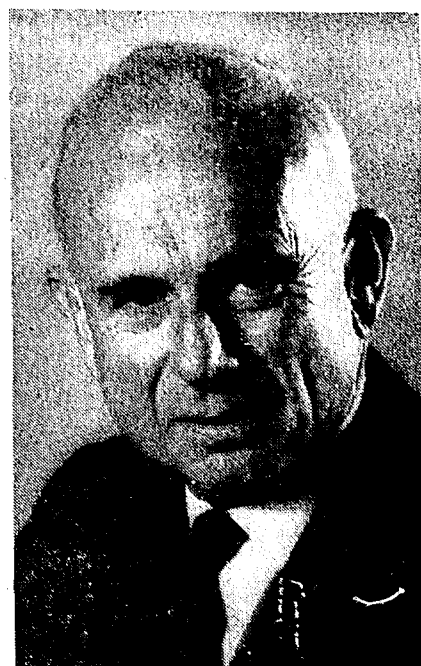
"He was a man not only of great achievement," the President said in a statement, "but also of rare intellect, of rigorous conscience and of profound devotion to his country."

"As President I have been deeply appreciative of the advice that I have asked and that he has so freely and graciously given. I shall greatly miss both his wise counsel and his penetrating wit."

Former President Truman, described by Acheson as one of the greatest Americans, did not have an immediate comment but Mrs. Truman said "I know he'll be very disturbed."

It was another part of President Nixon's statement that the importance of Acheson to to-

College Lauds Tiscornia As Top Alumnus



LESTER C. TISCORNIA

Lester C. Tiscornia, president of Auto Specialties Manufacturing Co., has been named Outstanding Alumnus of the Year at University of Pacific, Stockton, Calif.

Tiscornia, of St. Joseph, will be honored Saturday during homecoming weekend at the annual alumni reunion dinner dance.

During the past year, Tiscornia was chairman of the Alumni Annual fund which set an all-time record with contributions of \$206,888. He will continue to serve as chairman this year.

Tiscornia also is president of the Memorial Hospital board, St. Joseph, and vice president of Area Resources Improvement council (ARIC).

Auto Specialties, headquartered in St. Joseph, recently established a factory warehouse at Stockton.



POWER PLAY: A young Midlander holds a sign about his future, at a "Speak Up for Nuclear Power" rally in Midland on Tuesday. (AP Wirephoto)

Rally For Atomic Power Draws 10,000 In Midland

MIDLAND, Mich. (AP) — An estimated 10,000 persons turned out Tuesday for a rally supporting Consumer Power Company's efforts to build a nuclear power plant in Midland.

Sen. Robert Griffin, R-Mich., was the main speaker while three Michigan Republican congressmen—Elford A. Cedarberg of Bay City, James A. Harvey of Saginaw and Charles Chamberlin of Lansing—spoke to the gathering via a telephone hook-up from Washington.

IMPRESSIVE STORY

"You can be assured that I will go back to Washington with an impressive story about the concern in the Midland area for the nuclear power plant," Griffin told the audience at Midland County Fairgrounds.

The program was arranged by the Midland Nuclear Power Committee which is trying to get the government to expedite a decision on Consumers' appli-

cation for a permit to build the nuclear plant.

The plant was proposed four years ago and some ground clearing and preliminary foundation work was done by Consumers' in the intervening period as it waited for the formal go-ahead from the Atomic Energy Commission (AEC).

The AEC held five weeks of hearings in Midland last summer and additional hearings are anticipated.

Sen. Griffin said he and Cedarberg are planning an Oct. 26 meeting with representatives of the AEC, the Environmental Protection Agency and "possibly with representatives of the White House" at which plans for speeding up the AEC decision will be discussed.

He said he felt AEC licensing procedures should be revamped to do away with cumbersome guidelines.

Griffin said he recently re-

viewed the Midland case with the AEC's new general counsel, Martin Hoffman, and spoke Tuesday morning with the AEC's new general chairman, James Schlesinger, just before flying to Midland from Washington.

TV personality Art Linkletter, another of the 18 speakers on the program, said that as a personal friend of President Nixon's he would report to Nixon and the people in power in Washington about the Midland rally and the peoples' desires.

The proposed nuclear plant has been delayed because of questions about its safety design and possible environmental problems.

In a letter to President Nixon, Sen. Griffin called for an end to what he termed needless delays in licensing of Michigan nuclear power fa-

ctories. (See back page, sec. 1, col. 1)

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Jaycees Somewhat Split Over Unicameral Issue

Some Michigan political leaders fear that state voters — upset with the legislature's performance this year — would vote to establish a one-house legislature if given the chance at the polls. Michigan Jaycees are in a turmoil over whether they want to give the public a chance at such a vote.

The Jaycees agreed in a state convention at Marquette last August to lead a petition drive to place before the voters a constitutional amendment providing for one 76-member house. But a number of chapters since have voted to ignore the decision of their leadership. Among them are Livonia, Grosse Pointe and Madison Heights.

Backers of the present two-house legislative system predict a fight at a Jaycee executive board meeting in Greenville this coming Saturday. Opponents of the drive were muffled in Marquette, they said, but will make their wishes known at the Saturday meeting.

"There's a rumor that there will be a challenge to the convention action," says Gary Foote, Jaycees executive director, "but I doubt that it will get off the ground."

Jaycee president Pat Sheridan of Detroit says that Saturday's meeting will indicate the strength of the movement. He predicted that about three-quarters of the organization's 254 chapters will back the petition drive.

State Representative Joseph P. Swallow, Alpena Republican, is the originator of the unicameral drive. He's not sure whether it will go over, but he does feel that the threat to abolish one house may cause the legislature to reform its ways of doing business.

"It has been a gradual decay in the legislative process over the last few years," says Rep. Swallow. "This move puts the entire legislative system on trial. Six months ago I couldn't get anyone in Lansing even to consider the idea of reform. Now they're talking about it. But you know and I know that the legislature wouldn't consider anything like this without a push from the outside."

Junkies, pay raises and procrastination have given the public a poor image of legislators personally. Failure to recognize and come to grips with Michigan's pressing economic and social welfare problems has cast doubt on their statesmanship.

It's possible a unicameral legislature would put the spotlight more searching on individual lawmakers, making them more responsive to their constituents and hopefully attracting a better breed to the state capitol.

Nevertheless, there are two sides to the unicameral issue. And Michigan voters should have plenty of time for debate and careful consideration before any referendum is held.

Los Angeles Learns A Bit About Smog--And People

Reports of the popular reaction to a drive to reduce Los Angeles smog lend emphasis to an important point about the whole business of environmental improvement. The public may now be keenly aware of the need for pollution curbs and the like, as is often claimed, but individuals tend to shy away when it comes to what they themselves must do.

The idea, in Los Angeles, was to get people in droves to leave their cars at home and either ride the buses or join in car pools on a test day. The hope was that there might be a marked reduction in smog, which would in turn encourage more car pooling and use of public transportation, which would further reduce the smog, and so on and so on.

The undertaking was well publicized. The sponsoring organizations, Stamp Out Smog and Operation Oxygen, got more than 100 companies to organize car pools; the city bus company put on

special buses in anticipation of a flood of riders. Giving your neighbor a ride was touted as The Thing to Do.

Nothing much happened. Few drivers so much as turned on their lights to signify cooperation in the project. A spokesman for Stamp Out Smog summed up thus: "The total effect on traffic seems to be negligible. Perhaps Los Angeles citizens do not fully realize yet the seriousness of our air pollution."

But could residents of a city long notorious for smog, a city forced to have frequent smog alerts, remain unaware that the problem is serious? What we have here is an instance of the common failure to translate public need into personal responsibility.

The smog will begin to dissipate when great numbers of people begin saying: I myself will join a car pool or ride a bus as my individual contribution to reducing auto exhaust emissions in my city.

Pragmatism, Not Ethics, Prompts Anti-Taiwan Bloc

In the United Nations, the China issue has taken a turn which may have been predictable once it was realized that Red China was going to be invited into membership. But it is a turn which would destroy whatever pretense the UN still holds of morality.

The issue no longer is whether Peking should be invited into membership. Despite the fact Peking does not meet the peaceful and responsible requirements of the UN's constitution, sentiment among members seems overwhelmingly in favor of voting admittance on the basis of mainland China's 750 million population.

That is a strong argument, but unfortunately it has a reverse twist on the China issue. A number of pro-Red China spokesmen now are saying Peking should be admitted on its own terms. Not only should the Maoists be given membership and Nationalist

China's seat on the Security Council, but Taiwan should be expelled altogether.

If that nationale prevails, the double standard will have finished the UN as an organization of honorable intentions. For if it is true that a killer such as Red China deserves membership simply because it represents a large number of people, it must be no less true that Taiwan, with 14 million persons—more than the average UN member—and a history of honorable dealings with the world, also deserves to retain its seat.

Should the UN decide otherwise, men and nations who believe honor still counts for something ought to reassess their own relationships with that organization.

Lowest Plateau

Few persons need to be reminded the farm population in the United States is declining. The exodus from the farms is occurring at an accelerated pace.

Census Bureau figures reveal the American farm population fell to 9.7 million in 1970, down from 15.6 million only 10 years previously and the lowest level since statistics first were gathered a half century ago.

Almost 9 percent of the population lived on farms in 1960. Last year it was less than 5 percent and growing older. Twenty-four percent of the farm dwellers are now over 55 years of age.

How low will the farm population drop before it seriously affects the nation's ability to feed itself? This is the decade which ought to answer that question.

Temporary Boss



GLANCING BACKWARDS

PAT MISS SAVES LAKERS

—1 Year Ago—

Lake Michigan Catholic Coach Terry Rose kept waiting for his offense to blow the game open. But the longer he waited the closer the game became and when it was all over he was happy to get away with a narrow 7-6 win over Hartford.

The defending Red Arrow Conference champions, who remained tied for the league lead with a 3-0 mark, were held to their lowest offensive output of the year—168 yards—and only an incomplete pass on the conversion attempt with 48 seconds left in the game saved their win.



Suppose a man sees his son being beaten up by the neighborhood bully. Does he have a legal right to use force in his son's defense?

He does indeed. Parallel to the right of self defense is the right to defend the members of one's family, with force if need be. This doctrine goes all the way back to the days of feudalism, when the master of the household was legally entitled to protect his family from attack.

NO EXCESSIVE FORCE But in such situations, there is always the chance of escalating the violence. Therefore, the law places careful limits on this right of family defense.

1) The force used must not be excessive. For example: A father found his son involved in a fracas with the man next door. Rushing to the rescue, he knocked the man unconscious with a mighty blow on the head. Then he followed up with a swift kick in the abdomen.

For the resulting internal injuries, the father was duly held liable in court. The right to defend his son, said the court, did not include the right to kick someone who was lying on the ground unconscious.

2) The force must be used only to defend, not to "get even." In another case, a father found out that a certain teacher had slapped his son in class. Days later, meeting the teacher on the sidewalk, he punched him in the nose.

SAME AS CHILD Could the father be held liable? Again, yes. The court said that since the boy was in no danger at the time of the punch, the father's action could not fairly be called defensive.

3) Many courts add that the father's right to use force is no greater than the child's. Thus:

A belligerent teen-ager deliberately picked a fight with another youth. But by the time his father came along, he was already getting the worst of it. The father promptly slugged the other boy with a rock.

Sued later for damages, the father claimed he had acted to protect his son. But the court held him liable anyhow. The court said that, in terms of the right to use force, he "stood in his son's shoes"—that is, in the shoes of the aggressor.

10,000 TROOPS TO GERMANY

—10 Years Ago—

An additional 10,000 air and ground troops have been ordered to Europe to bolster the allied garrison manning the line between West Germany and the communist East.

They are in addition to the 40,000 Army troops beginning to deploy abroad in the first phase of a program to increase conventional war capability against possible Red aggression. By year's end, U.S. forces in Europe will total about 300,000.

MOVES TO ARM SHIPS OKAYED

—30 Years Ago—

The arming of merchant ships for their protection against submarines, aircraft and surface raiders moved a step nearer actually today with approval by the house foreign affairs committee of the repeal of a neutrality law

provision which now prevents such armament.

Committee members said there was no change in the simple resolution originally considered. There was no record vote, members added.

FUTURE PLANS

—40 Years Ago—

The Galien PTA will put the Galien town hall in attractive condition for community use, it was decided at a meeting of the PTA this week. Mrs. R. J. Kenney was named chairman of the project.

ROUND-UP

—50 Years Ago—

A number of local masons left to attend the fall round-up at the Saladin temple in Grand Rapids. Rollan E. Barr and Emmett C. Dubbs are candidates for the consistory.

NEW PHONO

—60 Years Ago—

Frank Hildebrand has purchased a new Victrola.

BRUCE BLOSSAT Have-Not Nations Have Dim Future

By BRUCE BLOSSAT — WASHINGTON (NEA) — The judgments continue to pile up among international economic specialists that the world's underdeveloped countries may have trouble ever achieving a humanly acceptable level of living.

The greater dream, that these nations of Asia, Africa and Latin America might one day reach the plane of afluence enjoyed today by the United States and other advanced countries, is deemed to be especially remote.



Blossat

On this matter, Courtney Brown, editor of Columbia Journal of World Business, writes:

"For perspective, consider that even now the United States, with six per cent of the population, consumes 40 per cent of the world's production of raw materials."

What he is saying is that the world simply can't support such levels for all its billions. Brown adds:

"The depletion of the world's resources is already occurring at a rate that alarms the geologists."

He appears, indeed, to agree with a group at Massachusetts Institute of Technology which contends that even the developed nations may have to accept a somewhat diminished standard of living in order to prevent suffocating pollution and the wipe-out of resources.

In the Columbia journal's early fall issue, Andre Van Dam suggests that the steadily swelling numbers of unemployed in the underdeveloped lands pose a major threat to world stability. He contends that unemployment rises at about twice the rate of population, which itself is booming up at three per cent per year

DR. COLEMAN

... And Speaking Of Your Health

I had a terrible medical experience which might be of interest to your readers.

I would appreciate your comments.

Two weeks ago, I became ill shortly after dinner. I was staying overnight in a hotel in a large mid-western city. I was frightened and asked the bell-boy to find me a doctor.

The doctor came at 10 p.m. and examined me. He then gave me an injection and left.

I slept the night through and felt better in the morning. . . . that is, until I paid my bill and found that the charge for medical service was \$75.

I had no alternative but to pay it because the hotel insisted on collecting the doctor's fee.

Mrs. R. B. Tenn.

Dear Mrs. B.: "Wow!" is my first reaction to your story. I thought this kind of unpleasant experience was no longer possible.

Reputable hotels today feel that good honest medical service is an important part of administrative policy.

Most hotels have a well-screened panel of physicians who are both capable and reliable. There is also no "interplay" between hotel management and the physicians they recommend.

Your first mistake was to find a doctor through the recommendation of a bellhop, well-intentioned as he may have been. I do not mean to disparage bellhops, but rather to suggest there might be more reliable ways of finding

a doctor.

Your next mistake was not to have asked the doctor's fee before you accepted his services. This may sound indelicate, but it would have kept you from getting what one must consider an unconscionable bill.

People who get sick in strange cities and in strange hotels are rightfully terrified. I am going to suggest to my readers what should be done under these circumstances.

First, call your own physician at home. Almost always, with his assurance and suggestions, you can get by, at least until your return home.

If he feels that examination is urgent your doctor can, through his Medical Directory, find a physician near you whom he can call to discuss your problem.

If you cannot reach your doctor, call the local Medical Society in the town in which you are staying. Almost all of these groups have a Doctors Emergency Service with a panel of physicians.

Another reliable way of finding a doctor is to call the local hospital and ask the Administrator or his Night Assistant to suggest a physician for you.

In your case, I have a strong feeling that had you spoken directly to the manager of the hotel you might have avoided this unpleasant and costly experience.

Dr. Lester Coleman has prepared a special booklet entitled, "What You Should Know About Glaucoma and Cataracts." For your copy, send 25 cents in coin and a large, self-addressed stamped envelope to Lester L. Coleman, M.D. (Eye booklet), in care of this newspaper. Please mention the booklet by title.

JAY BECKER

Contract Bridge

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH		EAST	
♦ Q 6	♠ K Q 10 9 8 3	♦ 10 9 8 3	♠ A 2
♥ K 7	♣ A J 3	♥ 8 6 5 3	♣ Q 10 4
WEST		SOUTH	
♦ K 7 5 2	♠ 7 6 5	♦ A J 4	♠ J 4
♥ 7 6 5	♣ K Q J 9 2	♥ A K J 9 2	♣ K 6 5
10 4			
9 8 7 2			

The bidding:
South 1NT Pass 4♦ Pass 5♥ Pass
West 4♥ Pass 4NT Pass
North 4♦ Pass 4NT Pass
East 4♥ Pass 6♥

Opening lead — nine of clubs.

Most players are, in general, opposed to artificial conventions — and properly so. They prefer to play on the basis that if partner bids spades he has spades, if he bids hearts he has hearts, and so on.

But as a bridge player becomes more and more sophisticated he tends to add new bidding conventions to his array of weapons, and, if he is by nature a gadget-minded person, he may soon find himself so hopelessly entangled with a host of conventions that there is very little room left for him to employ perfectly natural bidding.

One of the artificial bids that came into being a few years ago is called Texas. According to this convention, if the partner of a player who opens with one (or two) notrump responds with a jump

to four diamonds, he is asking the opener to bid four hearts.

Similarly, if the responder jumps to four hearts, he is asking the opener to bid four spades. (There is some danger in the latter case that one player or the other will momentarily forget he is playing Texas transfer bids, in which case a shocking disaster may well ensue.)

Here is a hand from a team of four match that demonstrates the advantage of Texas. At the first table the bidding followed normal lines — 1NT — 3 hearts — 3NT — 6 hearts — and East led the ten of spades. There was no way for declarer to make the slam and he finished down one.

But at the second table North-South were using the Texas convention, and as a result they arrived at six hearts with the strong hand, South, becoming declarer. With West on opening lead there was no way of defeating the slam and South chalked up a cool 1,430 points.

Smashup Kills

Two Women

TRAVERSE CITY, Mich. (AP)—Two women were killed Monday when their auto collided with a tractor-trailer rig near the intersection of M-37 and US-31 seven miles south of Traverse City.

Mrs. Helen Pauline Clark of Grand Haven and Mrs. Dessie Ellen Beenen of Grand Rapids were dead on arrival at a Traverse City Hospital. Both were 68.

BERRY'S WORLD



"Just think, someday he might become an 'unannounced candidate'!"

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Fund Drive Honors Litowich

They're Just Wild About Harry

Many a fund drive has been won because of the dedication of Harry Litowich.

Now they're trying to win FOR Harry. He won't be the recipient of any material beneficence, but the proceeds will go to a place he holds in high admiration — the State of Israel.

The 1971 State of Israel Bond Drive in southwestern Michigan is dedicated to Harry Litowich — partly because he's a leading member of the Jewish community, but mainly because he's Harry Litowich.

Red Cross, Humane Society, United Fund, YMCA, Parochial Schools, Hospital Campaigns, Youth Fair, Community College, Symphonic Society . . . You name it and Harry knocks on doors for most any deserving cause.

A friend said: "Harry may be Jewish, but he's really catholic with a small 'c.' That means 'universal' and Harry is. He was even tagged as a liberal politician while in the legislature."

Jack Martin and Sol Goldin, co-chairmen of the State of Israel Bond Drive, said the

1971 campaign is dedicated to Harry Litowich in token of his successful leadership of the 1970 campaign. This year's drive winds up Nov. 28.

Bonds for Israel build industries, homes, schools, transportation systems and lush fields in an arid land. They're also an investment returning an average of five per cent at 12-year maturity.

Like Israel, Harry Litowich started on a small, uncertain scale — a factory laborer,

then a taxi service with a fleet of one Hudson and one Model T running out of the Dwan

hotel in Benton Harbor.

But like his father, Harry had more faith in horses than the internal combustion engine. He sold work horses throughout the Midwest and it was with great reluctance that he admitted trucks and tractors would ever replace the draft horse.

Mechanization drove him in 1948 to open Litowich-Fricke, Inc., a Studebaker agency on Territorial road. He found that many of his old horse customers were just as willing to buy cars and trucks.

Other phases in his business

life have been farmer, real estate broker, nurseryman. But Harry never broke his affair with horses. They still canter today at his place on Highland avenue and he'll buy, sell or trade.

His political career began in 1952 when he was elected to the state House of Representatives. He won two more terms as a shoo-in, then moved to the Senate for three terms.

Perhaps one of Harry's biggest faults was being born in Chicago in 1899 — 100 miles away from his beloved Berrien county. His father made

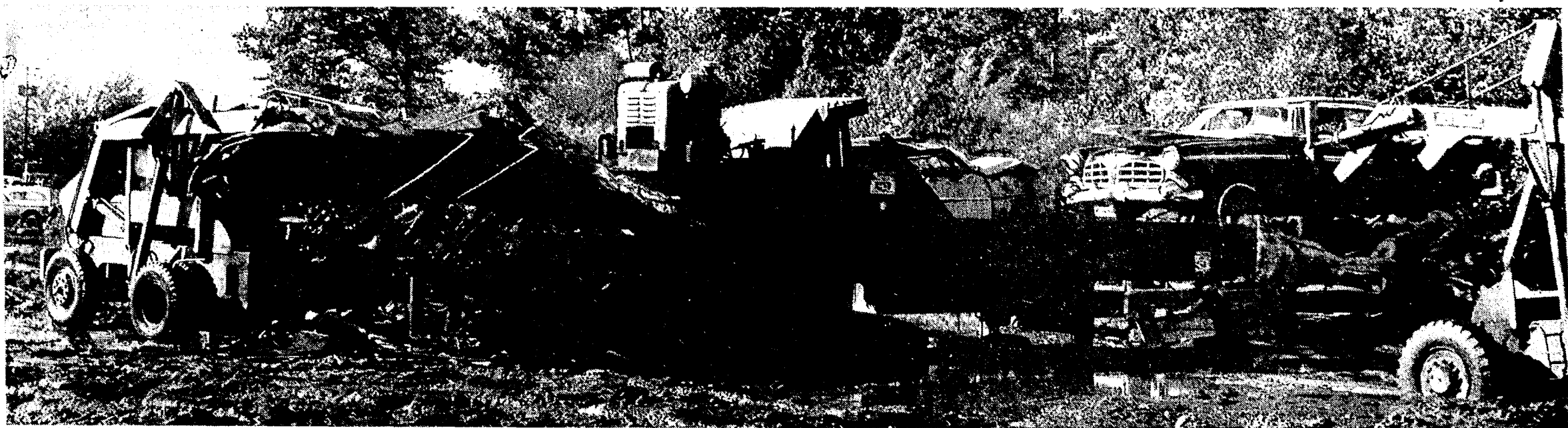
amends for that geographic mistake by moving here in 1906.

A half century later, a retired senator would say: "Move to Florida or California? Not on your life! We're going to stay right here. This community has been good to me and I have tried to do my best by it."

Semi-retirement gives Harry and wife, Betty, time to visit their daughters and grandchildren. He also continues doing what he's done for years — knocking on doors.



HARRY LITOWICH
They'll win for him



COMING, MASHED, AND GOING: Fork lifts run by workmen for L. Padnos Iron and Metal Co. of

Holland feed whole cars and remove flattened ones from a remotely-controlled masher at Myers Auto

Wreckers, Benton township. They'll be recycled. Though it's been soft-pedaled lately, auto wrecking

yards will still pick up privately-owned junkers for free, under certain conditions. (Staff photo)

Twin City Wreckers

Door Is Still Open For Junk Car Pickup

By BRANDON BROWN
Staff Writer

Auto wreckers in the twin cities area still haven't closed the door to removal of junked and wrecked cars.

The four firms that advertised free pickup of private junk and wrecked cars last spring in a drive to clean up the countryside estimate they cleared off perhaps 1,750 vehicles.

Though the beautification drive has been soft-pedaled lately, owners of junk cars can still have them hauled away free under certain conditions, and for a fee under others.

Wrecking yards in general will pick up for free those readily accessible junked, wrecked or abandoned cars on wheels and tires — for easy towing — that still have saleable parts that make the

wrecker's trip worthwhile.

They usually aren't interested in stripped hulks, unless the owner is willing to pay a towaway charge.

BIG PICKUP

Gerald Clark, a partner in A-1 Auto Salvage, 1091 Territorial road, Benton township, "guesstimates" his company picked up perhaps 1,000 to 1,200 cars since the drive last spring, all free of charge except some old shells gathered in the past month.

"I'll pick up anything for free that has an engine in it," he adds. A-1 will go as far as Watervliet and Stevensville for free pickups.

Dale Myers, who with his father, Elwin, operates Myers Auto Wreckers at 2081 M-139, Benton township, calculates half of some 800 cars that a Holland firm is mashing flat

at the Myers yard now came from free pickups.

L. Padnos Iron and Metal Co. has been at the Myers yard since Sept. 30, and is expected to leave late this week or early next, flattening cars into foot-tall pancakes for trucking to Padnos pulverizing equipment in Holland, Dale Myers said.

His yard has continued to pick up junkers free all summer in Benton and Sodus townships and foresees no change in the immediate future, young Myers said.

WILL CONTINUE

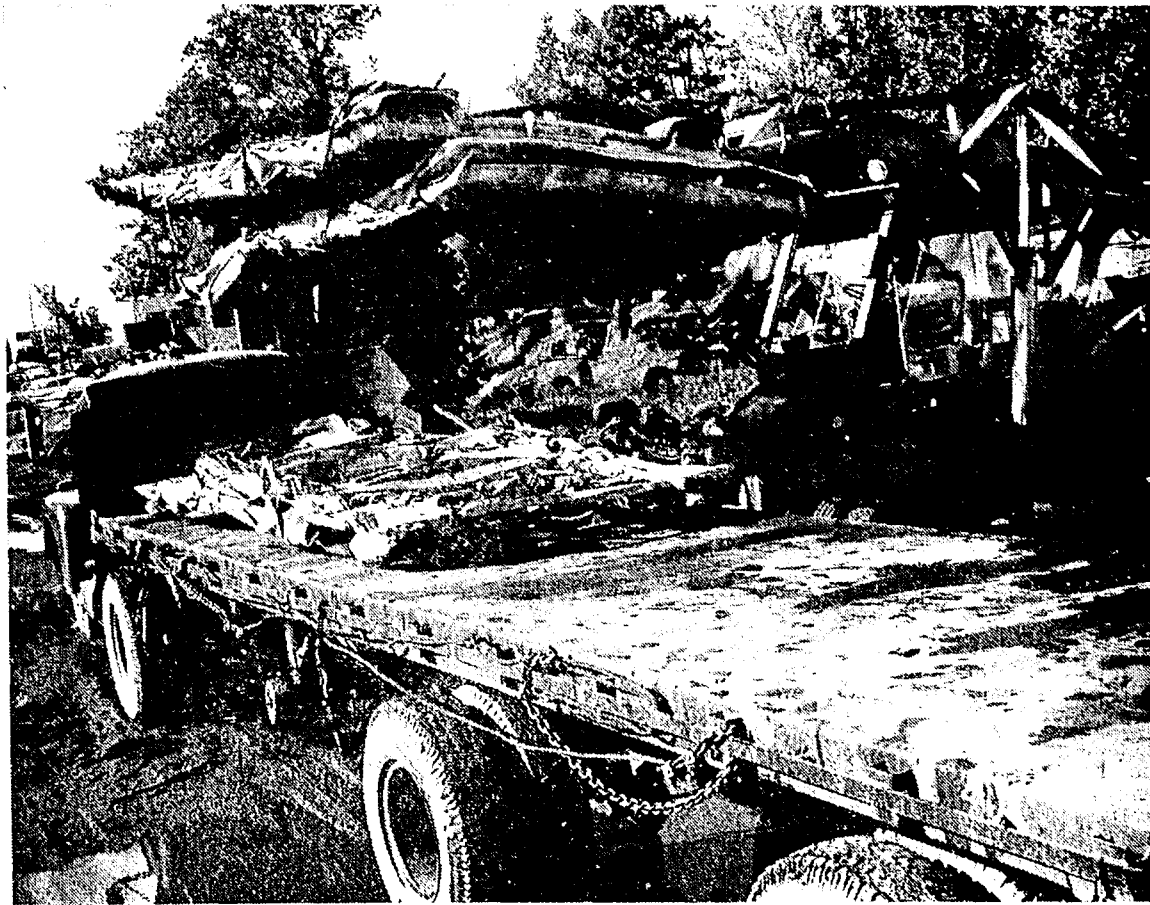
Abe Lieberman, owner of August Pohl Auto Wreckers, at Route 2, Territorial road, Benton township, estimated his company has gathered 150 junk cars to date, most for free, and will continue free pickups in Benton township

and the cities of Benton Harbor and St. Joseph provided the cars have at least two wheels and tires mounted so they can be towed away.

L. C. Reed, owner of Reed Auto Wreckers at 931 Territorial road, Benton township, estimates his take at 200 to 225 cars and will still pick up junkers free provided they have saleable parts — such as engines and radiators — are on wheels and within a 6 to 7-mile radius of his yard.

If not, the pickup charge runs up around \$10.

Those who have a way of delivering the vehicles can even turn a small profit. For example, Graham Metal Corp. at 412 Graham avenue, Benton Harbor, buys delivered cars by the pound "and we'll take all we can get," said Leonard Goldstein, vice president.



FOR RECYCLING: Mashed to pancakes about a foot high, these former automobiles are shifted onto truck for trip to pulverizer. Recycled, the

metal will be used again — perhaps even as part of another, new model auto. (Staff photo)

Lincoln Twp. Doubles Ambulance Payment

Lincoln township trustees approved a 100 per cent plus boost in the township's annual payment for ambulance protection last night.

The trustee board authorized a \$4,680 annual payment to the Action Ambulance Co., Benton Harbor to continue township-wide coverage provided by the firm. It had been paying about \$1,992 a year before.

Action came as the result of the firm's demand the communities where it provides service for an increase to offset operating costs. The firm based individual requests to the communities on 1970 population figures, pinpointing Lincoln's share at the \$4,680 level.

The total package is to cost nearly \$34,000 for the nine areas within the firm's service area. The charges are in addition to fees assessed individuals for ambulance transportation.

NOT INTERESTED

Action by the Lincoln township trustees came after

Supervisor Ernest Hauch reported no interest had been shown by the township fire department in providing the service.

"We haven't anywhere else to turn," Hauch said.

In other areas, former Stevensville Village Clerk Fred Albrecht was appointed to the township planning commission to fill a vacancy created by the immediate resignation of William Galbreath.

Galbreath said he was unable to participate because of commitments at the Lakeshore school where he is assistant superintendent.

Hauch signed the notice to exercise the purchase option on the 18.4 acres of land sought as the site for future development of a township hall, library, and park. The site on the northeast corner of John Beers and Roosevelt roads is to be purchased for \$47,500 from Ernest and Esther Smith. Township residents approved the purchase Sept. 28 at a special township meeting.

PARK PLANNING

In related action, the board approved hiring the Gove Engineering Co., Kalamazoo, to prepare detailed plans for a park development at the site as well as in other areas of the township. Cost is to be \$1,750.

Trustees also agreed to seek funds from the state recreation bond issue to help finance the park development at the new site.

Hauch reported that copies of the new firearms control ordinances are now available at the township hall. The ordinances make it unlawful to discharge any weapon firing larger than a number two pellet shotgun shell inside the township except on an authorized range.

Trick or treat hours were set for Oct. 30, between 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Township Treasurer Gerald Wahl added that he hoped children would remain in their own neighborhood and refrain from crossing busy township roads.

A proposal to control unsafe buildings was referred to the

township's citizens planning commission for study by Hauch. The erection of a name sign at Colonial Square, on James drive, was approved after planning commission members reported they viewed the area where the sign would be placed.

SUBDIVISION CONTROL

Barger Engineering, St. Joseph, was asked to get estimated costs on curbs and gutters for presentation at the next public hearing on a proposed subdivision control ordinance. The information was requested by Wesley Harper, vice chairman of the planning commission.

Hauch reported that state highway officials have said that public hearings on the proposed reconstruction of the Lakeshore drive and I-94 interchange will not be held until early next spring. The project, however, is still scheduled for construction in 1975, according to a letter from Ronald J. Roberts, route location engineer of the highway department.

Berrien Getting 2nd Judge

Probate Court Will Expand



ROGER PETRIE
Gets 'Jobs' Responsibility

The Berrien board of commissioners Tuesday approved a second probate judgeship for the county, with the new office to be filled at the general election in November of 1972. The second judge will take office Jan. 1, 1973.

The commissioners also heard a report opposing a September proposal that the county parks and recreation commission should be reorganized and should switch its emphasis to operation of recreation programs. County Development Committee Chairman Harry Nye also presented a letter refuting a report of last month that state funds were available for recreation programs from the state recreation bond issue.

Commissioners also heard a report from Prosecutor Ronald Taylor that early predictions for the success of the child support-welfare fraud team are being realized. Taylor said that in its first six months the pilot project — since copied in 38 other counties — has produced \$265,330 worth of child support against fathers who haven't been meeting their financial responsibility for their children. The team has also achieved \$3,500 worth of restitution from welfare fraud cases.

Tuesday's meeting of the board was the first of two sessions held each October. The second session will be held Oct. 28 and will be

devoted to a public hearing and adoption of the 1972 county budget.

In other major actions Monday, the board turned the conduct and responsibility for the Emergency Employment Program over to the new county coordinator, Roger Petrie. Commissioners gave a round of applause in appreciation for the work Social Services Committee Chairman Edward Mattix did in getting the program to its present state.

Petrie reported a total of 41 of the 119 jobs for which a \$906,400 federal grant has been approved have been filled already. And he urged the various local communities authorized to fill public service jobs with the money to get the positions filled as soon as possible.

Mattix added that the county's application has gone into the Chicago regional office of the federal labor department for another 56 jobs to be filled with an additional \$377,300 grant offered to the county and its local units. The additional grant resulted from the fact the county was classed as a high unemployment area.

Commissioner Nye presented a report from the county development director, Thomas Sinn, that pointed out the fundamental goal assigned to the county parks and recreation commission is to acquire park and recreation sites. The report said reorganizing the committee to include representatives from various community recreation agencies likely would shift control of the county program out of county hands to local recreation groups.

Nye exhibited a letter from Ronald Kaiser, recreation specialist for the state department of natural resources, that said there are no state funds available to finance recreation programs. In September, Kaiser and State Senator Charles Zollar both told the board there were funds available for recreation grants.

According to Nye, the report will be taken back to the development committee for a fuller study and a new specific statement of policy for the county parks commission. He said he personally feels the commission could become a coordinator working with local recreation groups, but is not in a position to take over a

county-wide program of recreation activities.

The vote to establish the second probate judgeship was unanimous, after Commissioner Nancy Clark of the administration committee said state law requires the county create the post because its population, per the 1970 census, has exceeded 150,000.

TOO MUCH WORK

Probate Judge Ronald Lange for several years has been urging the commission to create the second position, claiming the work load was too great for one judge.

Action was ordered delayed until November on a petition read Tuesday for the Village of Berrien Springs to annex a reported 225 acres of US-31-33

and Pokagon road. It's proposed as the site for a \$24 million housing project by the Michigan Credit Union association.

Chairman Lad Stacey ordered the tabling after Prosecutor Taylor noted the petition apparently has "potential technical defects" and is subject to a lawsuit filed Tuesday in Berrien circuit court.

The suit, a class action on behalf of village residents and property owners by Charles Kiefer, attacks the annexation for a variety of reasons and seeks a court order barring it.

Prepared by Niles Atty. Lee Boothby, the suit claims the annexation petition is fatally defective because the parcels are not contiguous to Berrien

Spring, among other reasons.

BANKS CHOSEN
Because of the impending sale of a large county bond issue for sewage projects and approaching tax collection time, designated maximum tax deposits that the county treasurer can place in various banks, as follows:

Peoples State bank, St. Joseph, \$2 million; Farmers & Merchants, Benton Harbor, \$4 million; First National of Southwestern Michigan, Niles, \$3.5 million; Inter-City bank, \$5 million; Bank of Three Oaks, \$1 million; Coloma State bank, \$1 million; First National Bank of Watervliet, \$1 million; National Bank & (See page 36, column 5.)



EDWARD MATTIX
Gets vote of thanks

Cass Buys Land In Dowagiac For Health Care Unit

By ORVIN JOHNSON
Staff Writer

CASSOPOLIS — Cass county commissioners yesterday cleared the way for a family health care center for the county by approving payment of \$7,500 for the purchase of land in the City of Dowagiac.

They approved the purchase of two full lots and two half-lots on Franklin street, across from the Du-Wel Manufacturing plant.

The site is four blocks from a site proposed by the commission Sept. 27 by Dr. Robert Loecey, tri-county health director and acting advisor to the proposed Cass County Family Health Care center.

Commissioners at that time tabled a proposal from Dr. Loecey to finance the county's share of developing the site, located on East Railroad street. Loecey had suggested that the county issue tax anticipatory bonds for \$24,000, \$78,000 COST.

Loecey had told the board that a temporary board for the center planned to buy the land and convert a house there for use as the health center. Total cost was estimated at \$78,000, with most of the money to come from a federal grant.

Commissioner Owen Gordon said plans for developing the new site are not firm. It contains two quonset buildings, one of which might be used to house the county's 200 bed Civil Defense hospital, which lacks a permanent home.

The other building might be converted into a health center,

or it might be torn down to make way for a new building, Gordon suggested. Operation of the center for the first year will be financed by a \$90,000 federal grant, he added.

As outlined earlier by Dr. Loecey, the center would enroll about 500 families from Cass county in a complete health care program. This would include physical examinations and an education plan. The plan is designed to reduce health care costs in the long run by preventing illness before it gets started.

Participants in the program would pay for the services as they would with a private physician.

Gordon said the site overcame earlier objections of various commissioners in that it includes enough room for parking and is easily accessible to the public. Remaining lots on the same block are also available for purchase, he said.

In approving purchase of the property, the board of commissioners required that the land and the building remain with the county in case the center is disbanded or moved elsewhere. The land is to be purchased from Raymond and Anita Phillips.

In other business, the commission gave final approval to a 1972 budget of \$1,332,155, about \$50,000 less than the current level.

The budget had been altered only slightly from the tentative one presented last month. About \$7,000 in new-found income was dispersed among

various departments.

One of the largest cuts was made in the social services budget, reduced to \$100,000 from \$138,000 this year.

The commission last month voted to freeze the \$100,000 earmarked for social services next year until a ruling is received on a plan to put lists of welfare recipients in the hands of county officials.

The commission renewed its stand by asking the attorney general for a ruling on the legality of the plan "as soon as possible."

'POLITICAL FOOTBALL'

County Prosecutor Herman Saitz described the issue as a "political football" and suggested that the attorney general "won't make a decision unless he's forced to."

Charles W. Sarabyn, chairman of the board, has suggested that each commissioner be given a list of welfare recipients in the district he represents. Future allocations to the social services department would depend on the number of these recipients the board feels are really in need of welfare.

The plan seeks to reverse a trend toward secrecy in welfare cases that had developed since state and federal governments began taking over the burden of welfare from the townships and counties.

Also yesterday, an expected confrontation between the board and members of the county road commission did not develop as expected.

Sarabyn told the commission that meetings between members of the two bodies had resulted in the decision that the "public would be better served by postponing the matter for a month."

At least month's meeting, some commissioners criticized the apparent independence of the road commission, whose members are appointed by the county commission for six year terms, and the lack of communication between the two bodies.

The controversy was intensified by the report of work by county crews on private property.

The commission adjourned its meeting until a public meeting to be held at an undetermined time to publicize the Nov. 2 vote on a one-mill property tax increase to finance the repair and remodeling of the courthouse.

Prosecutor Saitz, whose offices are in the courthouse, said the only alternative to remodeling the courthouse is to close it down. He described the 73-year old building as a "death trap."

Traffic Deaths

By The Associated Press

Oct. 13 State Police Count
This Year 1,611
Last Year 1,724

Benton Boys Given Lesson In Hunting

Two teen-aged Benton township boys may have learned a lesson last weekend.

The boys were duck hunting in a swamp just off Euclid avenue in Benton township when they were spotted by Trooper Ralph Drumm of the Benton Harbor state police post. Trooper Drumm thought a check might be in order.

It was found that the boys, ages 13 and 15, did not have a stamp for duck hunting and were not old enough to be hunting on their own anyway, police said. Both youths were arrested on a charge of violating conservation laws.

Minors under 17 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian when hunting, according to state conservation law. Police subsequently released the boys to their parents, and the two fathers reportedly agreed that a stern lecture was in order.

This serves as a reminder to hunters of all ages, according to state police—know the laws pertaining to hunting and follow them.

By STEVE MCQUOWN
Paw Paw Bureau

PAW PAW — Van Buren district court judges told the county board of commis-



JUDGE GOODWILLIE

sioners here yesterday that past criticisms about the costs of the districts court system were in error.

Responding to complaints and queries by commissioners in August and in September, the judges, Donald Goodwillie Jr. and Luther I. Daines, said that the district court system is costing county taxpayers less than did the now defunct justice of the peace system.

"It seems to be a very popular thing to criticize courts in this present day, and we must agree that much of this criticism is deserved," the judges said in a written report to the board.

"However," they added, "criticism should be based on a thorough knowledge of the facts and we hope any financial criticism the court might be subjected to in the future will reflect an accurate statement of the situation."

Commissioner William Taft called the report the "most complete" he has seen on court finances.

Taft had claimed in August that the failure of the courts to produce more revenue was hurting the county library system which depends on penal fines for much of its finances.

He had asserted that indirectly it was costing the county \$30,000 from its general fund to aid the library system.

In their report, the judges claimed that over a three-year period, the district courts had contributed more money to the library system than had the justice of the peace system over its last three years ending in 1968.

The judges said that the justice of the peace system, in years 1966-1968 had contributed \$105,589 to the library system, and the district courts, on a fiscal year basis, contributed in years 1969-1971, \$109,202.

Further, the judges pointed out, that the JP system had relied upon an allocation from the general fund for its operation, but that the district court system has met its cost of operation "with no general fund appropriation necessary."

The report also noted that in 1970, the district courts took in revenue of \$115,688, about \$6,284 more than expenditures.

Included were fees for court-appointed attorneys \$4,740; transcript fees, \$5,982; and witness fees, \$8,916, the report said.

"We do not plan to run the

Seventh District Court . . . on the basis of an income producing property for the county," Judge Goodwillie wrote in a letter introducing the report.



JUDGE DAINES

Frost Nips Pay Boost

Van Buren Budget Unveiled

By STEVE MCQUOWN
Paw Paw Bureau

PAW PAW — Van Buren county commissioners yesterday set Oct. 26 for final action on a proposed 1972 operating budget of \$1.7 million.

The proposal is \$48,571 above the county government's present budget.

Commissioner John Tapper, Paw Paw, chairman of the board's salary and finance committee, unveiled the \$1,731,586 proposal during the

board's regular October session in the courthouse here.

According to Tapper, five per cent pay boosts for employees and \$500 increases in yearly salaries of elected officials have been considered for next year but held up pending lifting or other action on the nationwide wage-price freeze. The increases, he said, would cost \$27,500 totally.

PUBLIC VIEWING

The public may see the proposed budget Oct. 20 at the

county clerk's office in the courthouse from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

In other action the commissioners discussed but took no action on three alternatives for reapportionment presented by Prosecutor William Buhl.

Buhl's alternatives, which he described as having the best chances for approval at the state level, call for a reduction from the 15-man board of commissioners to boards of either five, six or nine men.

Apportionment, to better balance voting strengths in county commissioner districts, is mandatory by law after each 10-year census.

Buhl told commissioners that "I'm not trying to get rid of the 15-man-board."

But he warned commissioners that to insist on a 15-man-board might result in a complicated "weighted vote" system among commissioners, because of the population in districts.

SMALL MAJORITY

He also warned that trimming the board to five men could leave the power of county affairs in the hands of a small board majority, three men.

He called for cooperation between the commissioners and the county apportionment

commission in reaching a mutually agreeable apportionment that would satisfy constitutional requirements.

He also urged commissioners not satisfied with his alternatives to submit their own for review.

Commissioners gave no indication when they might be prepared to make a decision on the apportionment.

Also Tuesday, commissioners:

—Heard a plea from the county mental health services for more money that could be matched by state and federal funds.

—Listened to but took no

action on a proposal from a computer firm to computerize county, village and township tax forms.

—Reappointed Arthur Nower to the county social services board; Rex Allen to the county building authority; and appointed Robert Beam and Philemon Mitchell to the county mental health services board.

—Voted their opposition to Michigan Senate Bill 1035 which would give county boards the right to change its own form without a vote of county residents.

Ex-Auto Dealer Off To Prison

PAW PAW — Fred Glassford, South Haven auto dealer for eight years and who had pleaded nolo contendere to a charge of concealing or disposing of four autos belonging to Ford Motor Co., was sentenced in Van Buren Circuit court yesterday to a term of from 1½ to two years in Southern Michigan prison.

Glassford, 47, was arrested earlier this year after state police from the South Haven post commenced a search for 107 vehicles reported missing. All but four of the vehicles were later found.

Glassford appeared before Judge David Anderson Jr.



NEW CHIEF: William J. Robinson, 59, Covert police officer since August, has been appointed chief of the force by the township trustee board. The three-man department was created in August. Robinson worked for several years with the Chicago police department before coming to the Covert area in 1961. He and his wife have six children. (Olga Stegeman photo)